

PROJECT 10J73 RECORD CARD

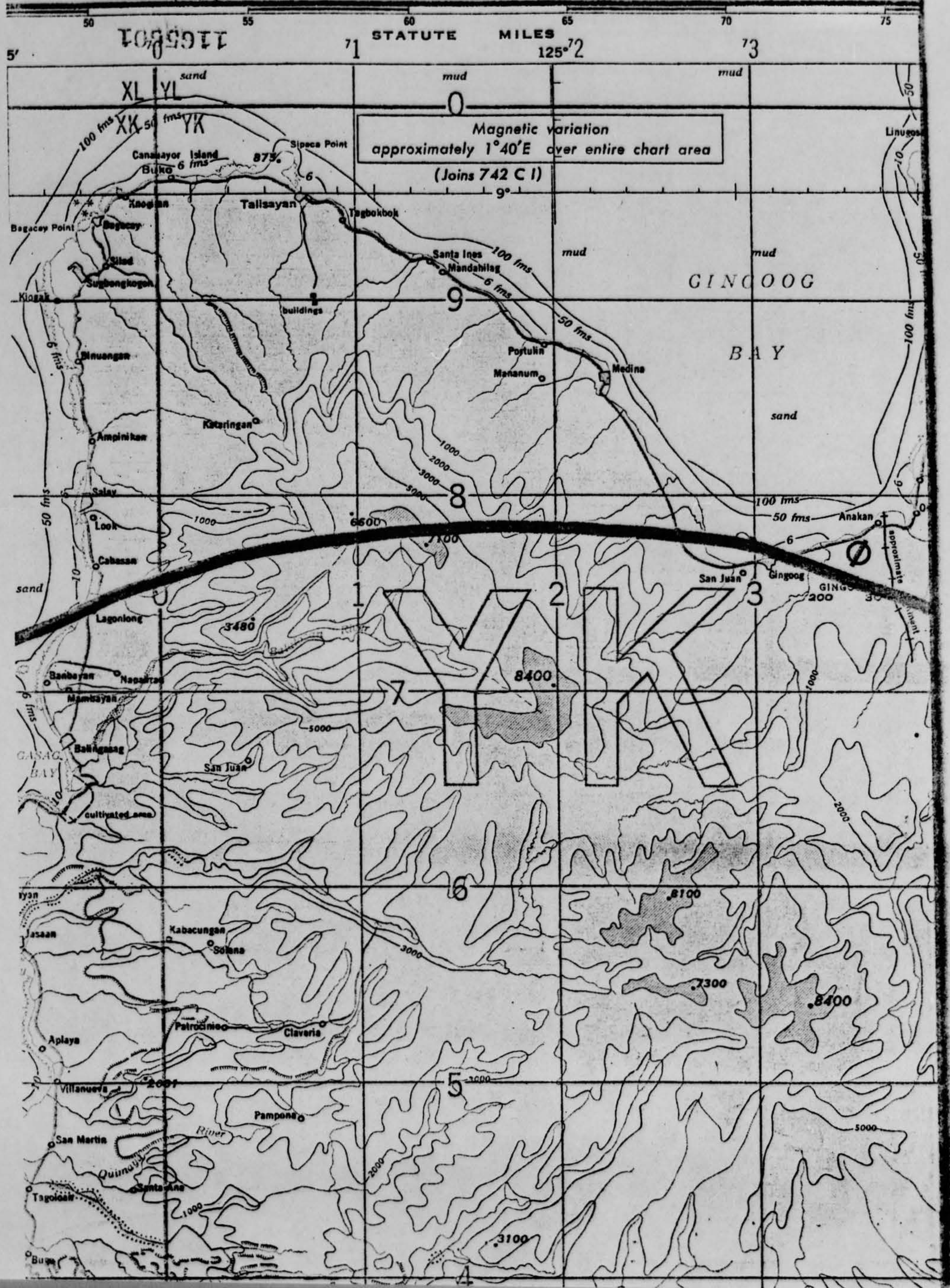
1. DATE 28 October 1957		2. LOCATION Kisalon, Mindanao		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0500 GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not stated		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE from SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Torpedo shaped object with four trails of flame, object separated into two parts with fan shaped reddish flame between two parts. Object then almost instantly disappeared. Rapidly moving.				11. COMMENTS Duration not reported, only that object was rapidly moving. In all probability this was a meteor sighting.	



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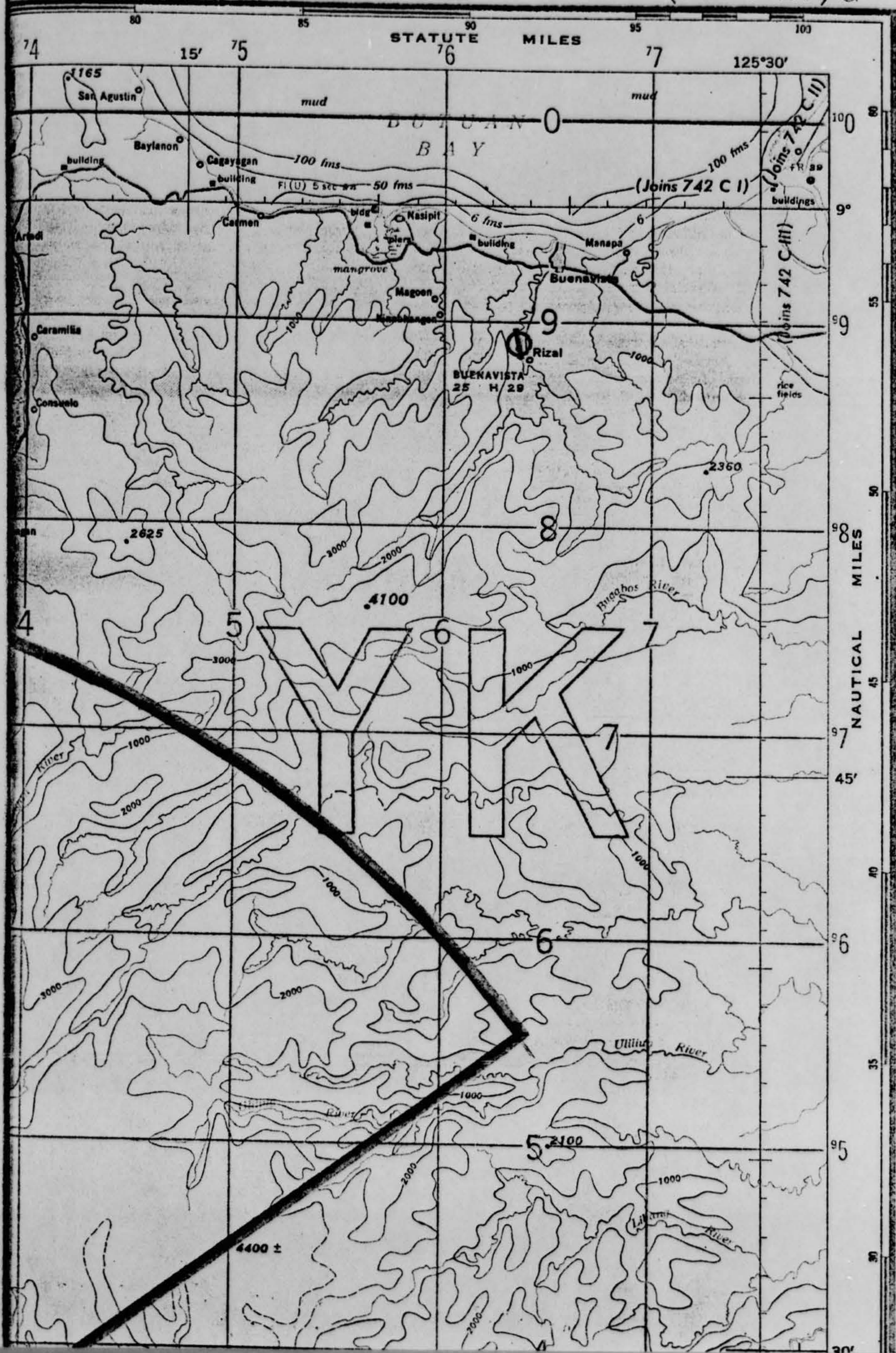


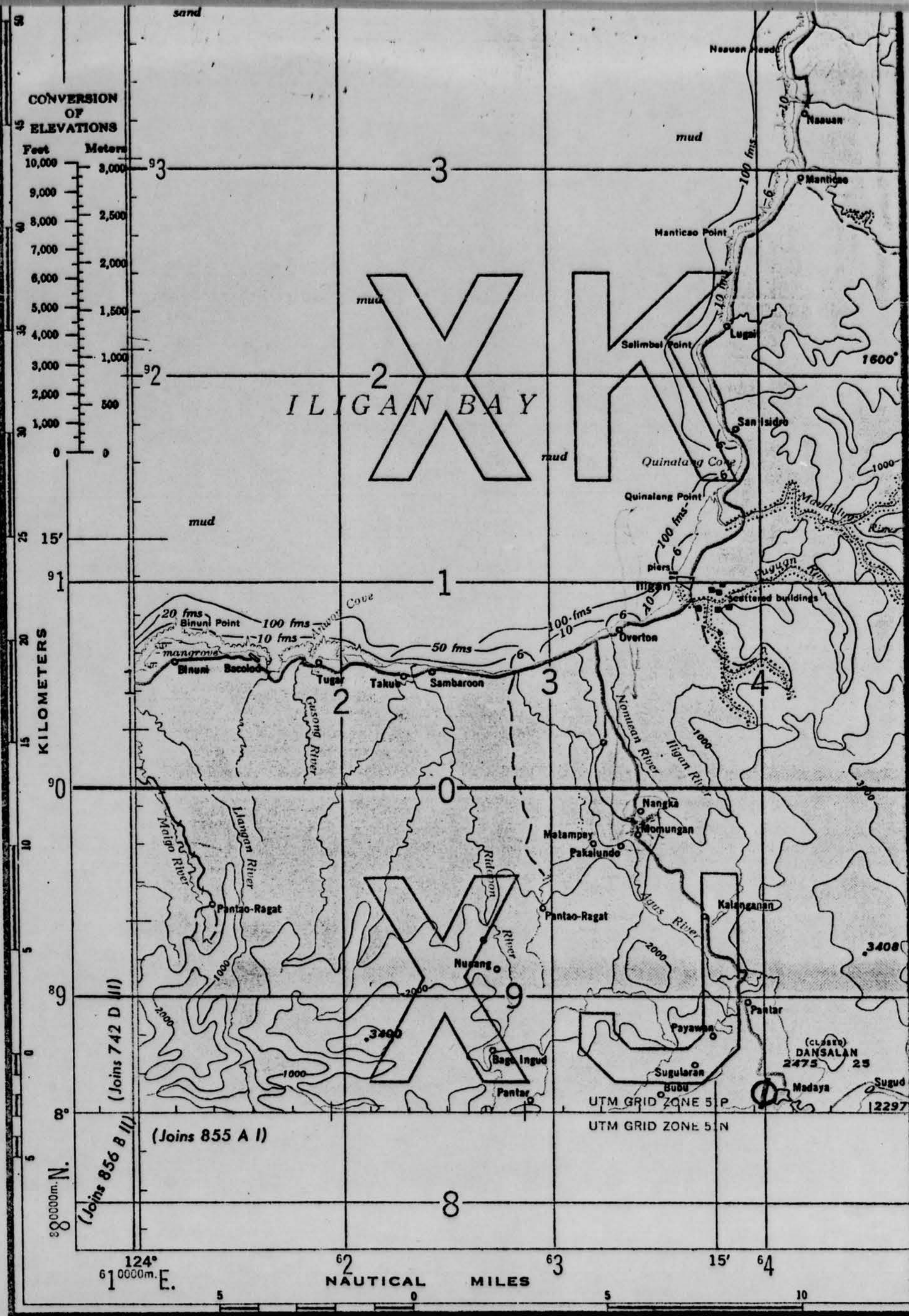
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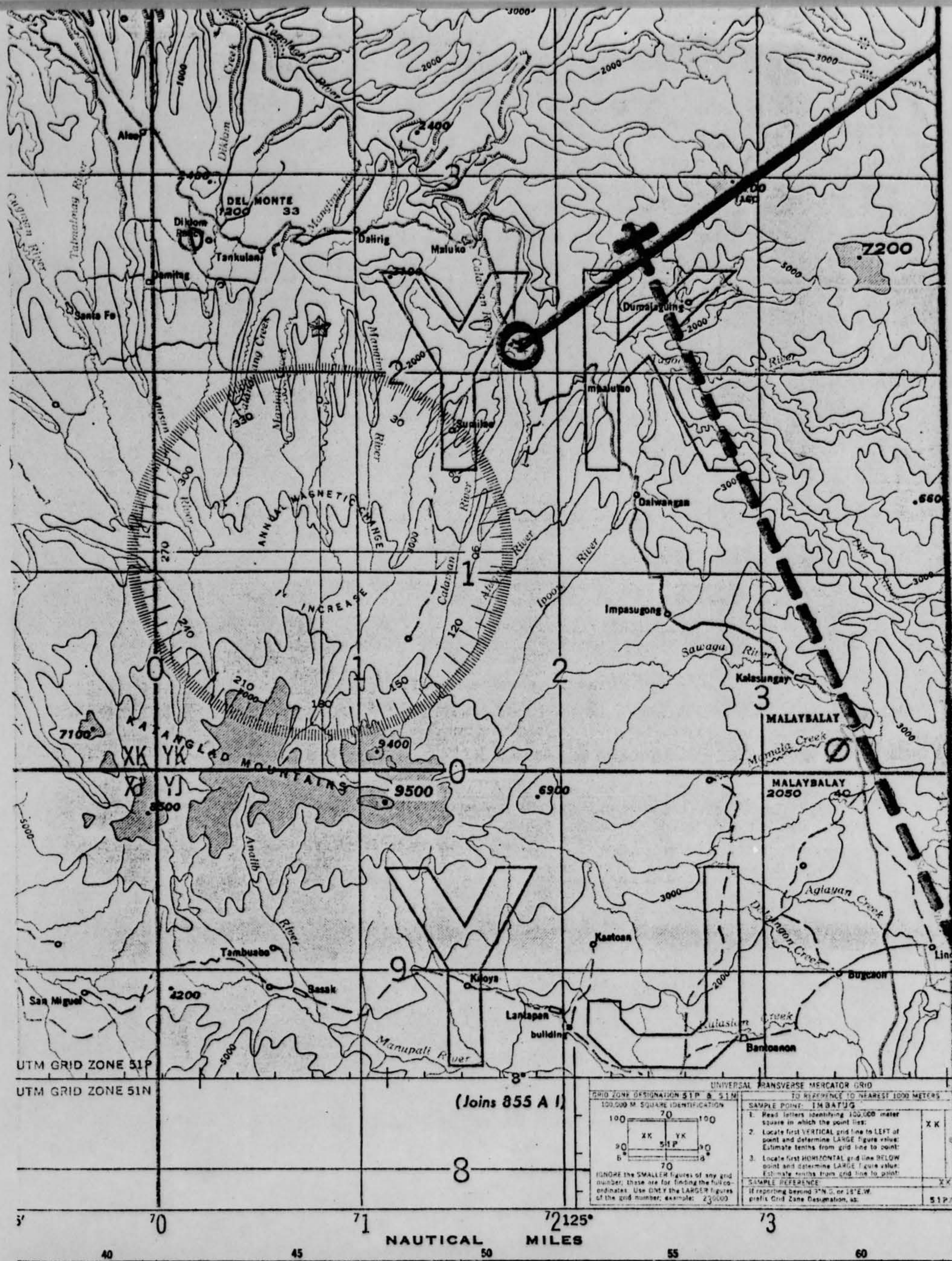


Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
Standard Parallels 8°40' and 11°20' Scale 1:250,000

(742 C IV) G







(Joins 855 A I)

UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR GRID

GRID ZONE DESIGNATION 51P & 51N

100,000 M. SQUARE IDENTIFICATION

100	70	100
90	XK	YK
80	51P	80
70		70

IGNORE the SMALLER figures of any grid number; these are for finding the full coordinates. Use ONLY the LARGER figures of the grid number; example: 230000.

TO REFERENCE TO NEAREST 1000 METERS

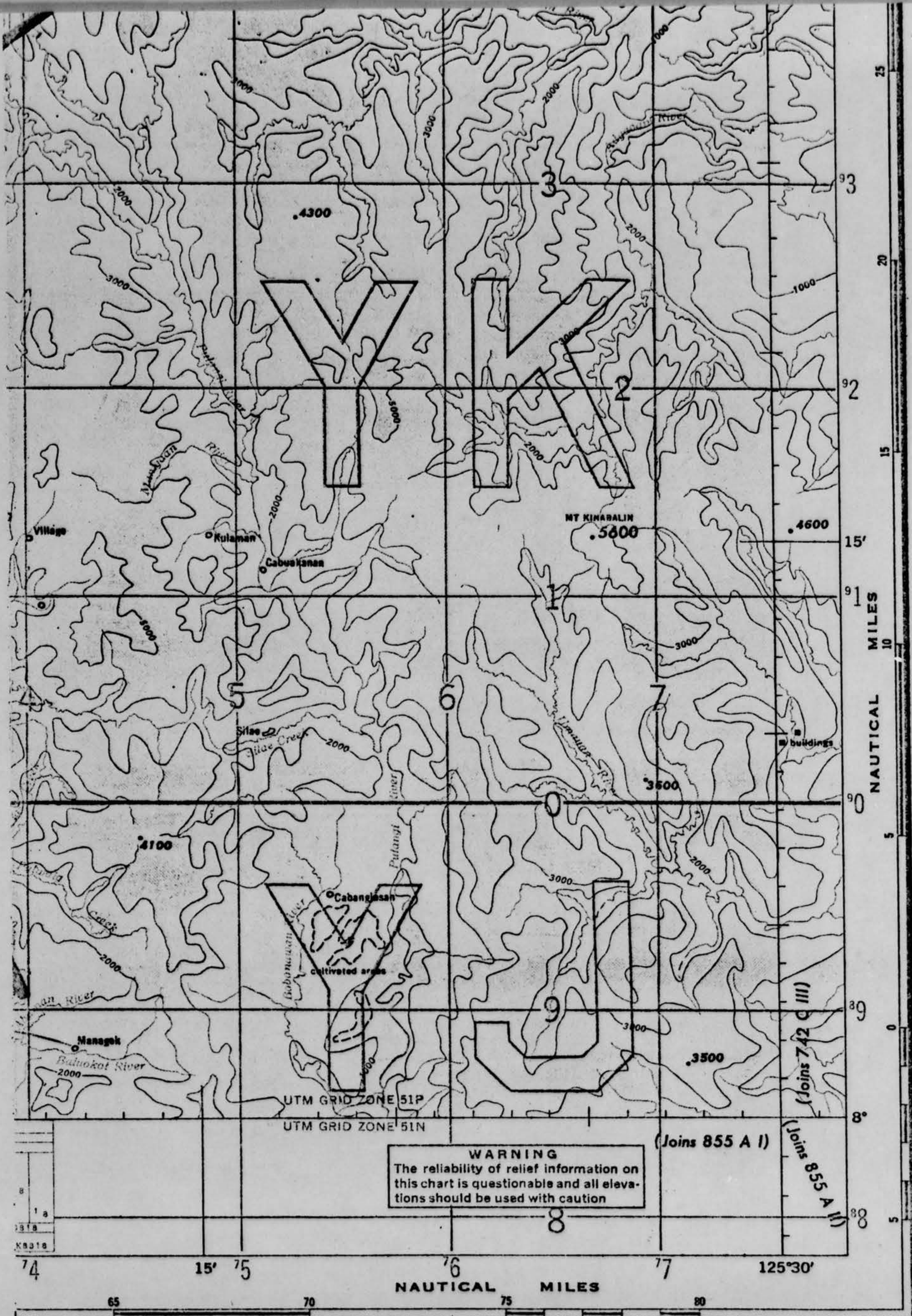
SAMPLE POINT: IMBATUG

1. Read letters identifying 100,000 meter square in which the point lies: **XK**
2. Locate first VERTICAL grid line to LEFT of point and determine LARGE figure value: Estimate tenths from grid line to point: **51P**
3. Locate first HORIZONTAL grid line BELOW point and determine LARGE figure value: Estimate tenths from grid line to point: **80**

SAMPLE REFERENCE:
If reporting beyond 3°N. or 18°E.W. prefix Grid Zone Designation, as: **51P**

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THIS CHART IS A REVISION OF 742 C IV
4th EDITION INCLUDING UTM GRID



N800-E12400/100x130
 SCALE 1:250,000
 1st EDITION
 AIR INFO. CURRENT DEC 1950 / R-50-58
 OAirA, Manila, Philippines

MALAYBALAY (742 C IV) G
 MINDANAO ISLAND, PHILIPPINES 1653001

[REDACTED] UNCLASSIFIED

28 OCT 1957,

At 5:00 A.M. [REDACTED], S.J. was standing in front of his church at Kisalon, Mindanao and saw a light approach from the Southeast. When the object moved closer it became torpedo shaped with four trails of flame. It separated into two parts and disappeared. Several people saw the object, and the people of a village on a ridge along which the object had passed were awakened by some unknown noise.

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Father [REDACTED] is a former chemistry and math instructor at Fordham University. Because of the assumed high degree of reliability of sources, this is carried in the category of unknown pending further information.

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COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING Philippines		IR-50-58	(Leave blank)	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Philippines		DATE OF INFORMATION 28 Oct 57 - 19 Feb 58	SRI STATUS (if applicable)	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Office of the Air Attache Manila, Philippines		DATE OF COLLECTION 1-19 Feb 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Major Alfred K. Patterson Assistant Air Attache		DATE OF REPORT 5 Mar 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Personal contact		EVALUATION F-3	SRI NO. ACTIVE	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)				
BAIR 460				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)				

(C) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Mindanao

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112 unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

This report transmits an account concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Father [redacted], near Kisalon, Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°53'E), on 23 October 1957 and subsequent investigation of the sighting to date.

Bad reporting factor - 6 by. seen Oct - 1957 investigated Feb 1958.

APPROVED:

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Lt Colonel, USAF
Air Attache

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- 3 INCLIS
- ✓ 1. Plan View, 4 cys
 - ✓ 2. Reporting Officers Sketch of Object based on conversation w/Father Misaker, 4 cys
 - ✓ 3. USAF Aero Approach Chart, Malaybalay (742 C IV)G, 1 cy

- ① Chromers: Two (2) Catholic Fathers. One, former Math. Chroming Prof. at Fordham U.
- ② Two chromers at different pts. with no knowledge of each others sightings
- ③ Object described (and sketched) appears to be a conventional 2-stage rocket.
- ④ Possibility exists that many a AF (classified) Rocket a missile tests, either near that use as ammunition at distance away. Pacific area is used for such tests (see [redacted] [redacted] [redacted])

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standing further info. + investigations

⑤ Because the assumed degree of reliability of source of investigation needs will carry as [redacted]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Note: clue.

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	OF	PAGES
OAIRA, Manila, Philippines	IR-50-58	2	2	2

1. On 28 October 1957 at 0500 hours, local, [REDACTED], who resides at Kisalon, Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°58'E), was standing in front of his church when he observed a light approaching from the SE and apparently parallel to a ridge lying to the east of his position. The rapidly moving light soon became distinguishable as a "torpedo shaped" object with four distinct trails of fire to the rear (see sketch). When approximately opposite his position the object separated into two distinct parts; a fan shaped reddish flame appeared between the two parts and almost instantly the two pieces disappeared. Father [REDACTED], a former chemistry and math instructor at Fordham University, was completely taken aback by what he had seen. However, during the day he found two other people who had seen the same thing. Later in the week he also contacted a Barrio (village) Lieutenant who lived on the side of the ridge along which the "object" had passed. This village official informed Father [REDACTED] that he and many of his barrio mates had been awakened at 0500 by some unknown noise. They had seen no flash of fire. Later, Father [REDACTED] contacted one of his associates, a Father [REDACTED], who resides at Linabo (8°04'N - 125°10'E). He had also observed a moving light at about 0500 on the morning of the 28th. Father [REDACTED] then decided that a father [REDACTED] who operates an observatory at Baguio, Luzon, should be informed. The story as outlined above was communicated to Father [REDACTED] where it was picked up by the Air Attache on a routine visit in connection with operation "Harvest Moon".

clue

2. On 19 February the area in question and Father [REDACTED] were visited by personnel from this office. In conversation, Father [REDACTED] gave the same information to Air Attache personnel as communicated to Father [REDACTED]. In addition, he stated that the object appeared to be traveling about 1,000 feet above the ridge line that he used as a point of reference and that it appeared to be about the same size as a C-47 aircraft flying in the same position. A sketch showing the various positions is attached as Inclosure 11.

Important!

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

3. If one assumes that the positions given by Father [REDACTED] are reasonably accurate and that the Barrio Lieutenant did hear an explosion, it is possible that the debris from the explosion could have fallen within the area bounded by a 30 mile arc from the point of observation. With this in mind, an aerial reconnaissance of the area was attempted. However, low clouds and severe turbulence precluded adequate inspection of the area. The particular area in question is extremely rough and according to Father Risaker, is peopled by unfriendly tribes. Upon return to Manila the aid of the Philippine Air Force and Philippine Constabulary was enlisted. They have promised to send teams into the area to search for debris and to question the locals with regard to additional substantiating details.

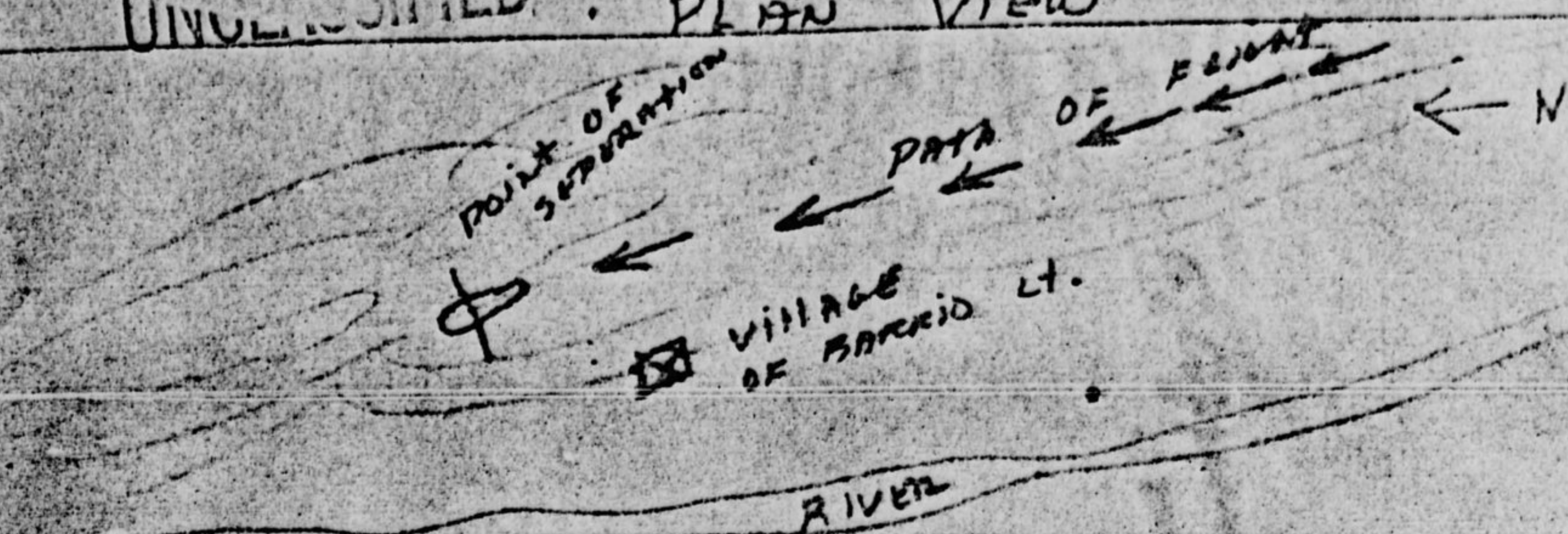
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PLAN VIEW



DISTANCE OBS POINT TO RIDGE: 6-7 NM
APPX COURSE 350° TRUE

□ OBS POINT
FATHER [REDACTED]



□ VILLAGE OF
BARRIO LT.

□ OBSERVER

HT APPX 1500 FT

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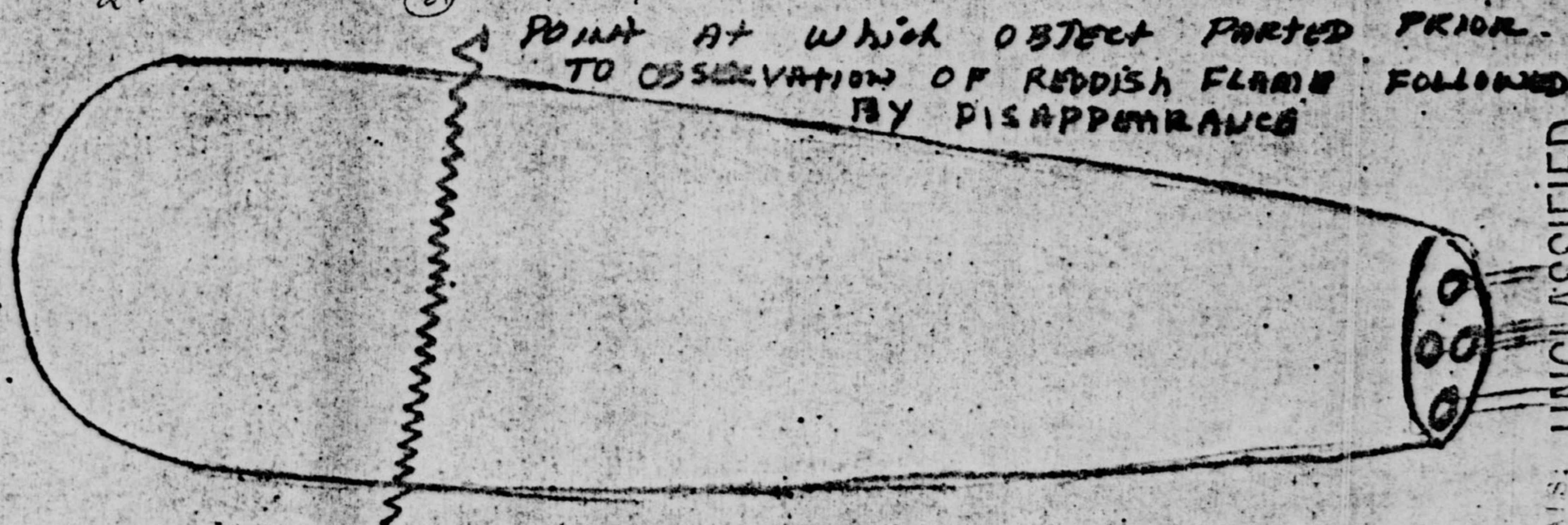
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REPORTING OFFICER'S SKETCH OF OBJECT OBSERVED
BY FATHER ~~REDACTED~~ - DRAWING BASED ON CONVERSATION
WITH ~~REDACTED~~.

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- ① appears to be a man-made object.
② Any Navy or AF test rocket operations in that area? ^{check}



LENGTH: OVER 100 FT

RATIO - LENGTH TO DIAMETER: 184; GREATER DIAMETER NARROW NOSE.

MATERIAL: SHINY, APPEARED TO BE METAL

PROPULSION: FOUR ROCKET-LIKE FLAMES OBSERVED AT REAR

Note

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why are these 5 sightings "unknown"?

1. Kisalon, Philippines 28 Oct 57 5AM

Would have been classified under
"Incomplete Information" had the sources
not been considered so highly reliable.
Description did not fit the requirements
for an aircraft, nuclear, or other known
object. - Clark Field Luzon nearest.

Most likely would be an airplane
except for lack of sound.

but:- no aircraft missing

: no noise (Father Rivak)

: further investigation ^{impossible} due to area
being unfriendly territory

: people in village were awakened
by "noise?" but did not see

Noise was missing ^{item} ~~part~~

Time is collecting. Luk sighting
noise

//// grey area // // // // //

Incomplete ~~area~~ information.
Should continue searching
but insufficient personnel.

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